



IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

SUSPENSION, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY WITH MULTILAYERED PLATE

SUSPENSION HAVING RIBS AND DISK DRIVE APPARATUS WITH HEAD GIMBAL
ASSEMBLY

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Japanese patent publication 2001-057032A discloses such suspension with a load beam made of a thin stainless steel plate. The load beam has bends or ribs at [[its]] both side ends thereof to enhance the bending stiffness.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For a magnetic disk drive apparatus used in a disk top type computer and a server type computer, a suspension with such structure can be adopted without ~~occurring~~ any problem occurring. This is because such computers are immovably used, and therefore neither serious impact nor vibration is applied thereto. Whereas, for a smaller magnetic disk drive apparatus with a 2.5 inches or less disk to be mainly mounted on a portable computer, such suspension is insufficient in the impact resistance due to insufficient bending stiffness of its load beam.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to increase the bending stiffness of the load beam, Japanese patent publication 2002-352540A proposes using [[of]] a multilayered metal sheet made of two

metal films bonded by an adhesive or adhering sheet as the load beam, instead of a thin stainless steel plate.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Conventionally, ribs were not formed in a multilayered suspension with three or more layers. Whereas, according to the present invention, both side edges of only a part of the layers of the multilayered suspension are bent to form ribs. Thus, not only the bending process can be performed very easy but also sufficient large bending stiffness can be obtained. Particularly, according to the present invention, since it is not necessary to thicken each layer of the suspension, the total weight of the suspension will not increase and the manufacturing cost can be kept low.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a multilayered suspension with three or more layers, a reinforce reinforced member is laminated on only both side edge sections of a surface layer of the suspension. Thus, sufficient large bending stiffness can be obtained. Particularly, according to the present invention, since it is not necessary to thicken each layer of the suspension, total weight of the suspension will not increase and the manufacturing cost can be kept low.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 schematically illustrates the main components of a magnetic disk drive apparatus in a preferred embodiment according to the present invention, Fig. 2 illustrates the whole entire structure of an HGA in the embodiment of Fig. 1 as seen from the side providing

with a magnetic head slider, Fig. 3 illustrates the whole structure of the HGA seen from the opposite side of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 illustrates a suspension in the embodiment of Fig. 1 seen from the same side of Fig. 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The suspension 20 is substantially configured, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, by assembly of a load beam 22, a resilient flexure 23 fixed on the load beam 22, and a base plate 24 fixed to a base section of the load beam 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The flexure 23 has a flexible tongue 23a depressed by a dimple (not shown) formed on the load beam 22 at its one end section. On the tongue 23a, ~~fixed~~ is the magnetic head slider 21 is fixed. The flexure 23 is made of in this embodiment a stainless steel thin plate (for example SUS304TA) with a thickness of about 20 μm to have elasticity for supporting flexibly the magnetic head slider 21 by the tongue 23a. Fixing of the flexure 23 with the load beam 22 and fixing of the load beam 22 with the base plate 24 are performed by pinpoint welding at a plurality of points.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 5a schematically illustrates the whole entire structure of a load beam also serving as a base plate of the suspension in another embodiment according to the present invention, and Fig. 5b schematically illustrates a part of a top end section of the load beam shown in Fig. 5a.

Please delete the Abstract at page 46 in its entirety and insert therefor the following replacement Abstract on a separate page as follows: